

1956

BIOGRAPHIC REGISTER BRIEFING NOTES:

MISSION:

Highlight NSCID #8 - community responsibility for biographic coverage on foreign scientific and technical personalities.

Mention pre-1953 mission, possibly as follows:

Formerly, the Biographic Register processed information and compiled reports on political, diplomatic and cultural personalities, as well as those in scientific and technical fields. However, as the result of an OIC staff study which revealed a high degree of duplication in materials processed by BR and State/BI, it was considered expedient to utilize the facilities of the latter Division to meet CIA needs for information on the first three categories. A contract was signed, whereby State/BI agreed to provide complete biographic service to CIA in those areas in return for budgetary support of 27 positions in State/BI, or approximately                      annually. Implementation of this agreement began in January 1953 and, as of the present time, State/BI has fully assumed responsibility for the required biographic service.

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ORGANIZATION:

Organized on an area basis, the BR consists of a headquarters, - the Office of the Chief; two intelligence components, - the Soviet Branch and the Non-Soviet Branch; and an analytical and service component, - the Support Branch:

Office of the Chief

Soviet Branch

Non-Soviet Branch

Support Branch

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USSR Section  
Satellite Section  
Far/Near East Section

                      
Section  
Western Section

Analysis Section  
Machine Section  
Master File Section  
Information Control  
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GENERAL ACTIVITIES DURING 1955:

During 1955, the Register received 4,983 requests originating both within and without CIA. In response, BR produced:

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